

September 5, 2003

-Meeting Notice-

**California Bay-Delta Authority, Science Program's
Technical Review of the Environmental Water Account --Year Three
and
Science Symposium on Environmental and Ecological Effects of Proposed
Long-term Water Project Operations**

October 15-16, 2003 8:30am – 5:00pm**October 17, 2003 8:30am – 11:30am****Temple Ballroom
1025 9th Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, California****Symposium Purpose:**

A California Bay-Delta Science Program sponsored symposium held in June 2003 brought together scientists, managers, and the stakeholder community to discuss some of the key policy and scientific issues associated with the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP). Subsequent workshops on Chinook salmon and delta smelt have addressed new information on modeling and population biology, as well as evaluated the protective management actions of the Environmental Water Account (EWA) program. The summary reports for the above mentioned workshops are available on the Science Program website (<http://science.calwater.ca.gov/>).

This symposium is a continuation of this series intended to present and discuss information related to the environmental and ecological effects of proposed long-term water project operations, the South Delta Improvement Programs, and water management strategies of the EWA. In addition to discussion of the regulatory baseline for water operations, there will also be an in-depth technical review of the EWA program, now in its third year of implementation. The workshop goals are summarized below:

1. Identify the most important criteria for evaluating the EWA and provide a forum for a balanced and open discussion of the program and the results of its implementation.
2. Provide the EWA panel, agency managers and policy makers a synopsis of the “state of knowledge and uncertainties” for some of the most important intersections between policy and science with respect to water management strategies in the Delta and upstream project areas.
3. Discuss key issues in managing environmental water in the future and identify the most important steps to maximizing EWA effectiveness.
4. Help the public, stakeholders, and the agencies developing the biological opinions for CVP and SWP operations pursue a common understanding of the state of knowledge and critical uncertainties associated with water management strategies in the Delta and upstream project areas.

A detailed agenda will be available by September 22, 2003 on the California Bay Delta Authority calendar website (<http://calwater.ca.gov/calendar/calendar.shtml>).

For More Information:

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact Jana Machula, at the Bay-Delta Science Program, janam@calwater.ca.gov or 916-445-0715.
- A written summary of the symposium will be prepared and posted on the Bay-Delta Science Program website (<http://science.calwater.ca.gov>).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins, California Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.